

# Free Press.

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.

SATURDAY.....JUNE 26.

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## HOME NEWS.

SEE Sickle-sharpening advertisement.

WATERMELONS plenty, but at fancy prices.

DULL times, but some indications of better.

SINGLE copies of the FREE PRESS for sale at the office, five cts each.

CONFECTIONERY, Fruits and Nuts, at FARIS & SHIPMAN'S.

THE cotton crop promises well here about. We have heard of some opening bolls.

HAVANA Cigars at FARIS & SHIPMAN'S.

THE dense growth of weeds on vacant lots must be unfavorable to health. We commend the subject to our health officers.

A FRESH supply of Boss Flour, Sugar, Coffee, Molasses, etc., at BRIGGS'.

OWING to the fact that the usual amount of work was not done in this office on Thursday, the paper is somewhat delayed.

If you want something to cool you off, just step into Faris & Shipman's and call for an ice-cool lemonade.

CALL and see specimens of Job Work at this office.

JUST received a new lot of sausage. To arrive a fresh supply of fancy candies. Always on hand ginger snaps, ginger cakes, &c.

FRITZ LANGE.

PROSPECT of a "dry spell." Rain very much needed down the river.

WISHING to reduce our stock and make more room we offer special bargains in Clothing.

JOHNSON & JOHNSON.

COOL nights and hot days—the old summer style of Texas weather—again prevailing.

MR. DUGGAN, one of the census enumerators, informs us that the population of San Marcos will be a fraction over 1,300 and of Hays county probably a little less than 8,000.

## Town Property for Sale.

A house and lot joining Major Hutchison's, and two vacant lots joining Mrs. Manlove's. Apply to E. A. DIAL.

A LITTLE misunderstanding between our people and the railroad company as to the deeds to the grounds donated to the company by the former, we are glad to hear has been harmonized.

WE have failed to mention sooner the recent sale of the corner lot adjoining Reynolds' Sample Room. It sold for \$2,000—the biggest price on record in San Marcos. It is said a new dry goods store is to be located there. The purchaser belongs to the "solid south," but we have not learned his precise location.

## Still Ahead!

The Home Sewing Machine is still leading all others in this market, and the demand is steadily growing. It is for sale with all the latest improvements, at Briggs' Emporium. Call and learn full particulars as to its merits, and see samples of its work.

## Nice Goods.

Cut, Loaf and Granulated Sugars, Best Mackerel in 5lb cans, CURRANTS, Raisins, Figs, Cinnamon, Spices, Fine Teas, Jellies, CANNED BEEF and HAM, APPLE BUTTER, Pickles, French Mustard, Louisiana Molasses, All these goods are just received by G. W. DONALSON.

T. P. & A. B. Bailey Have just moved their entire stock to their place of business. They sell for cash.

Calico, 14 yds for \$1 00  
Brogan Shoes, \$1 15  
Best Tobacco, (natural leaf) 50cts a pound  
12 yds Lawn for \$1 00  
Rubber Band Combs, 5c  
Parasols, 10c  
Real old-fashioned Linen Shoe Lace, 10c a bunch, every one warranted.  
Everything at and below cost for cash.

## Personals.

In advance of the railroad—the "bore of the sanctum."

Messrs. Smith and Wilbitt are already hauling new hay.

Forayth & Co., are preparing a brick-kiln of considerable size.

Mr. Townsend has retired from the meat market. The firm is now John P. and Sam Kone.

Mr. Richards, of the vicinity of Mountain City, made us a pleasant call on Thursday.

Rev. J. J. A. Roach, of Mountain City, called on us on Thursday. His health is very greatly improved.

Our town looks somewhat deserted since the scholars from abroad and a number of our own people have left for the summer.

Mr. Powers has bought himself a "mountain home" near Col. Ellison's, where he proposes keeping bachelor's hall, or maybe reveling in the delights of matrimony.

J. V. Smith, of Pague's gardens, presented us on yesterday with two very fine tomatoes—the first of the season with us. Mr. S. deals in all standard vegetables.

Elder Williamson, of Bryan, is on a visit to his many friends in this direction. By the way, he began a meeting at the Christian church on Friday night, which is to continue over Sunday.

K. D. Keith will take charge of the lumber business at this place in person, and thinks of locating here with his family. Glad to hear it. Apropos, see his new advertisement in our columns.

Col. Lyell, the veteran ex-hotel keeper and family, and his son W. H. and family, are preparing homes in the mountains adjoining Mrs. Jones's—only an indication of the general tendency in that direction.

Mrs. Sarah Donnell has sent us a very fine, solid cabbage head, raised on the mountains near this place. It demonstrates that cabbage can be successfully raised here. Many thanks to the good lady.

Judge Schmitt, of the Commissioners' Court, and J. D. Cady, of the same neighborhood, attended the Masonic celebration on Thursday, and remained over night. Both favored the FREE PRESS with pleasant calls.

We had the pleasure this week of making the acquaintance of W. M. Wyatt, of the Wimberley Mill region. He thinks since they have got a post office there, the FREE PRESS may expect considerable accessions to its list in that direction. Truly we think it ought to have.

J. D. Cady, of Bear Creek, presented us with a stalk of a new variety of corn called the "Kansas Prolific." It had six full-formed ears on it, and that, Mr. C. says, is the general style of it. He says it has been grown in his vicinity for several years, may be regarded as acclimated, and he thinks is a valuable variety.

## Found at Last!

At P. R. Turner's, one of the best lots of prints ever received in San Marcos. Splendid lot of boots and shoes. A beautiful line of ladies' and gent's silk handkerchiefs. Handsome lot of ladies' long silk mitts, black and colored. Gent's genuine buck gloves. Handsome line ladies' and misses' hose. Fresh supplies of goods received every week. Call and see for yourselves. P. R. TURNER.

A SIGN of the increase of business in San Marcos is shown by a visit to the Grocery Store of G. W. DONALSON. He has just received his second car load of Bacon and Lard, and is now receiving a car load of Liverpool Salt. Other Fancy and Staple Groceries in variety.

EMANCIPATION day was celebrated in a lively manner by the negroes on last Saturday. They paraded in force, headed by a brass band from Austin, who acquitted themselves well. At M. Kie's grove the crowd was addressed by Judge Kone, Sheriff Wren, Esq., Esquire Grooms, Ed. J. L. Green, Uncle Billy Pitts, and others. Levi Irvin, colored, introduced the other speakers and made the closing speech. Delegations were present from Lockhart, Seguin, Austin, &c. A barbecue was had, and at night a dance at Bock's Hall and supper at the church. A pleasant affair.

OUR corporate authorities should take prompt action towards rebuilding the bridge at Smith's mill. It is indispensable. When rebuilt, just above it would be the place for another bath house, for which also there is a pressing need. Every consideration of health and comfort requires that we should utilize our unrivaled bathing facilities, during the hot season.

WE send out some specimen copies of the FREE PRESS this week, and hope to receive the subscriptions of those to whom they are sent.

JOB WORK neatly executed at this office, and at prices to suit the times.

## The Masonic Celebration

On Thursday at the beautiful grounds just above Cheatham's ford, was unexpectedly large and imposing. It is estimated that some 2,000 persons were in attendance. After the installation J. F. Miller, Esq., of Gonzales, delivered an address. We only heard the close of it, but hear it spoken of as an able effort. He was followed by Elder Williamson in one of those happy off-hand efforts for which he is noted. The barbecue was next looked after, and there was enough and to spare for all the vast crowd. The entire affair passed off pleasantly. The San Marcos Brass Band furnished the music. We give elsewhere lists of the officers elect, for which we are under obligations to Messrs. Green and Houston.

OFFICERS elected and installed San Marcos Lodge No. 342, A. F. A. M., for the Masonic year 1880:

Ed. J. L. Green, W. M.  
H. C. Pritchett, S. W.  
H. B. Coffield, J. W.  
Albert Heaton, Secretary.  
C. L. McCay, Treasurer.  
P. J. C. Smith, S. D.  
S. R. Kone, J. D.  
B. C. Hardin, Tiler.

OFFICERS elected and installed San Marcos Chapter No. 129, A. F. A. M., for ensuing Masonic year 1880:

D. P. Hopkins, M. E. H. P.  
S. G. Dailey, E. K.  
H. A. McMeans, R. S.  
Ed. J. L. Green, C. of H.  
T. M. Blakemore, P. S.  
Ed. R. Kone, R. A. C.  
H. C. Pritchett, G. of 3 V.  
H. B. Coffield, G. of 2 V.  
S. L. Townsend, G. of 1 V.  
Albert Heaton, Secretary.  
C. L. McCay, Treasurer.  
Jehiel Ward, Guard.

## The Proposed Road Improvements to Blanco City, etc.

SAN MARCOS June 21, 1880.

MR. EDITOR: I have received two communications from Messrs. John W. Speer & Son, leading merchants of Blanco City, on the subject of working and keeping in good repair the wagon road from this place to that; one addressed to W. O. Hutchison and one to Hutchison & Franklin, and as I deemed their contents of material importance to the citizens of this town, as showing the sentiment of the merchants of Blanco on a matter of interest to us, I obtained the consent of the writers of said letters to the publication of the following extracts there from:

"We think that your town and ours have a mutual interest in the matter of making your town our Railroad shipping point. But to do this there must be a considerable amount of money expended on the wagon road through Hays and Comal counties to our county line, and we will undertake to say that we will make the roads through this county and keep them in good repair."

We believe that with a proper effort on the part of those most interested, the trade, or at least the shipping and travel of this place, Fredericksburg, Mason, Menard and many other places west of here can be turned from Austin via this place to San Marcos. We think the two important things to look to are the roads and the freights. We believe that the road from Blanco to San Marcos can with reasonable expenditure, be made better than from Blanco to Austin, and the distance will be at least fifteen miles less; on the other hand Austin has facilities for handling freights which San Marcos has not, and other advantages which an old established trade centre has over a new place. But with money, pluck, and natural advantages that San Marcos has, she ought at least, to control the trade of the places heretofore named."

Estimating the crops of Blanco and Gillespie counties in response to inquiries made by me, the writers say: "We think, with a fair yield, this county will gather this fall 1500 to 1800 bales of cotton, with plenty of grain for home consumption. We have perhaps 20,000 head of sheep besides cattle and other stock."

"We are at a loss to estimate the crops of Gillespie county, but they will be equal to the those of our county except, perhaps, in the yield of cotton." "We can get a good road through our county at a small cost, so that the entire route between here and San Marcos will be good, with plenty of water, grass, etc."

In answering these letters I stated that I thought that the people of this county, and particularly the citizens of this town, felt an equal interest with Blanco in securing a good road from that to this point, and that I felt confident our people would do all in their power to further the project. Respectfully, THOS. H. FRANKLIN.

[Mr. Franklin informs us that there is a road fund of some \$300 in the treasury which it will probably be considered "in order" to apply to the above improvement, and suggests that branch roads in the upper part of the county could readily be made to connect with the main route so as to accommodate the various settlements. —ED.]

## From Mastrop.

EDITOR FREE PRESS:—A young man of Elgin, born in this county, invented a machine which can be conveniently carried in the pocket, yet it is so perfect that it obviates the tedious labor of filing the many teeth of gin saws, and with a little experience one man can sharpen in a more perfect manner, as much as an expert can accomplish by hand-filing in a whole day.

A German of Austin county has also succeeded in making excellent and very healthy wine of the tomatoes. The process is simple expression of the juice, then adding sugar to it. He lets it undergo the proper vinous fermentation. The wine thus made is a pale yellow, of as fine aroma as any grape wine, and will keep for years.

June 18th.—Howard (white) was executed by hanging, for murder committed two years ago. There were present about 1,800 persons to witness the execution, of which number about one-third were colored people. Howard refused a proacher, therefore there was no sermon, praying or singing. He fearlessly went up the scaffold, and made no address to the people. He enjoyed his breakfast and dinner with relish, which were well furnished.

Saturday, the 19th, the freedmen here celebrated the Emancipation day. I was surprised at the small attendance of them, and the little enthusiasm.

When the International reaches your town I will pay you a visit.

Yours, respectfully, C. EHARD.

## Advice to Consumptives.

No man, however uncleanly, would drink muddy dirty water. A party which occupies a room for hours breathing the same air, might be compared to a party of bathers drinking the water in which they bathe. The patient must keep the window of his bedroom open. Night air is fresh air without daylight. In close crowded rooms the patient suffering from lung complaints breathes consumptively. By taking these precautions and using Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, and pleasant Purgative Pellets, fully one-half of the cases of lung complaints would be cured in six months. For cough and irritation of the lungs do not always indicate the presence of consumption although it may result in that disease, and if consumption has already become deeply seated in the system, this is the most efficient course of treatment that can be pursued outside of any institution that provides special facilities for the treatment of this disease. Dr. Pierce's celebrated Invalid's Hotel is such an institution. Send stamp for descriptive pamphlet containing also a complete treatise upon consumption, explaining its cause, nature and the best methods of treating it, together with valuable hints concerning diet, clothing, exercise, etc., for consumptives. Address World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y.

## Prompt Action of Compound Oxygen in Lung Diseases.

The promptness with which Compound Oxygen acts in throat and lung diseases is very remarkable. Mrs. Alice A. Daniels, of Ramsey Station, Alabama, sends, without solicitation, and for publication, a statement of the results of its use in her case, from which we take a single extract. She says, "In four days after commencing to inhale the compound Oxygen, chills fever, and night sweats were all gone! My appetite, which before was at its lowest ebb, soon became good. My strength increased very rapidly, and improvement has been steadily going on ever since the first inhalation. My cough slowly became milder, and to-day I can truthfully say that I am almost a well woman." Send for Treatise on Compound Oxygen. It will be mailed free. DR. STARKY & PALEN, 109 and 1111 Girard Street Philadelphia, Pa.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

ELECTION, NOVEMBER 2, 1880.

### COUNTY CLERK:

We are authorized to announce H. A. McMEANS as a candidate for County Clerk of Hays county.

### COUNTY JUDGE:

To the voters of Hays county: I am a candidate for the office of County Judge of your county. My past record, in a similar capacity, is my only guaranty for the future.

Respectfully, C. W. GROOMS.

### COUNTY PROSECUTOR:

We are authorized to announce O. T. BROWN as a candidate for Prosecuting Attorney for Hays county.

### TREASURER:

We are authorized to announce D. P. HOPKINS as a candidate for Treasurer of Hays county.

### SHERIFF:

We are authorized to announce H. E. BARBER as a candidate for Sheriff of Hays county.

### ASSESSOR:

We are authorized to announce R. S. FORTSON as a candidate for Assessor of Hays county.

### COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1.

We are authorized to announce T. J. McCARTY as a candidate for Commissioner of Hays county.

## A CARD.

To all who are suffering from the errors and indiscretions of youth, nervous weakness, early decay, loss of manhood, &c. I will send a recipe that will cure you, FREE OF CHARGE. This great remedy was discovered by a missionary in South America. Send a self-addressed envelope to the Rev. J. J. T. L. L. L., Station D, New York City.

## MARKET REPORT.

San Marcos Retail Price Current.

CORRECTED WEEKLY FOR THE FREE PRESS, BY G. W. DONALSON.

Coffee, per lb.	14c
Sugar, brown, per lb.	10c
" granulated, per lb.	11c
" crushed, per lb.	11c
Eggs, per doz.	16c
Butter, per lb.	15c
Chicken, per doz.	\$1 00
Bacon, clear sides, per lb.	10c
Lard, choice refined	" 10
Hams, country	" 12
Molasses, sorghum, per gal.	50c
" L. I.	" 50c
Rye, choice	" 10c
Apples, dried	" 10c
Prunes, Turkish	" 10c
Peas, English	" 10c
Pepper, blk.	" 10c
Spice, all	" 10c
Starch	" 10c
Salt, coarse, per sack	50c
" fine	" 50c
Flour, Texas, per 100 lbs.	\$3 00
" St. Louis, per 100 lbs.	\$3 00
Wheat, per bushel	90c
Oats	" 30c
Wheat, per bushel	\$1 00

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Want a salesman,  
Want a servant girl,  
Want to rent a store,  
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Want to rent a house,  
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Want to sell dry goods,  
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Want to board place,  
Want to sell a carriage,  
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